(b) if so, Federations which are complying with the directives and those which are not complied so far ;

(c) whether any directives have been issued to appoint SC/ST persons in place of existing causal and *ad-hoc* employees; and

(d) if so, whether such directives have also been issued to NAFED: if not, what is Government's policy in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (*a*) to (*d*) National level cooperative federations are autonomous bodies and have framed their own recruitment rules. However, a condition is stipulated while sanctioning grants that the concerned federation agrees to make reservation for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the posts/services under its control. The grantee national level cooperative federations abide this condition. The Government have not issued any directives to the national level cooperative federations including NAFED regarding appointment of SC/ST persons in place of existing casual and *ad hoc* employees.

Continuation for three consecutive terms by Chairman, NAFED

3219. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present the Chairman of NAFED is holding office for the third consecutive term in violation of Section 37 of provisions of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act 1984;

(b) if so, what is the justification therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to issue any directive for fresh elections of Chairman to create a healthy precedent in furture; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV) : (a) No Sir, because the Explanation under Section 37 of the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 has been modified in relation to national co-operative societies including NAFED vide notification of 7th June, 1989.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Subsidy given to Andhra Pradesh

3220. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the percentage of subsidy being given to the state Government of Andhra Pradesh for rice distribution through fair price shops in that State ;

(b) whether Gorernment have received the rice samples and their varieties being supplied to tribals in that State;

(c) if so, the reaction of Government on rice samples;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government have not supplied the entire quota of rice allotted to that State during this year and have supplied only 6·4 lakh tonnes; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?